

receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the selected providers;

computation means, including the central computer, for compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval for ranking the providers based upon the compiled information including the plurality of criteria, and for selecting providers with the relatively highest ranking; and

output means, including an internet connection, for providing the compiled responses of the selected providers for access by the prospective buyer.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the automobile is a previously owned automobile.

Entry of the Amendment

In the Examiner's Answer the Examiner correctly interpreted the meaning of claim 17. In order to reduce issues for appeal the punctuation changes for claim 17 have been added. Accordingly, this will reduce issues for appeal.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questins concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elliot A. Goldberg at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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